

# HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZENS' ADVISORY COUNCIL Wednesday, June 20, 2018

The Citizens' Advisory Council meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m. at the Northern District Community Room at Police Headquarters.

**Present:** Larry Aaronson, Thomas C. Beach III, William Brockett, Denise Brockington, Larry Buehler, Sandy Cederbaum, Frank Chandler, Lesley Flaim, Britany Gegor, Andrew Hall Sr., Eileen Harrity, Jeff Kulik, Peter Newman, Timothy Pierce, Lorna Rudnikas, Susan Watkins, Camela Williams, Nollie Wood Jr, Chief Gary Gardner, Lt. Tanya Riffle

Absent/Excused: Janet Bahouth, Linda Lee Hickerson, Adia Moore, Stephen Pidliskey, Dr. Lewis

Saunders, Raghid Shourbaji

Guests: Brendan Sullivan

### <u>Chairperson – Andrew Hall Sr.</u>

- Opened the meeting and reminded the Council that the meeting was being recorded.
- Recognized the Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee for all the work they have done on the revising of the bylaws.
- April and May minutes were approved.

### **Chief's Report – Chief Gary Gardner**

## Community Activities

- o Grandmothers Cry appreciation luncheon was on May 18<sup>th</sup>.
- o Cedar Lane Challenge day was on June 1st.
- o Unable to participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run due to the Ellicott City flood.
- HCPD Community Outreach Division partnered with FIRN at Launch Trampoline Park on June 9<sup>th</sup> with over 60 children and their families who participated.
- o 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Community Chess Event on June 11<sup>th</sup> at the Oakland Mills Village Center.
- Opioid Educational Session at Miller Branch Library
- o Retirements at the end of June
  - Sgt. Chris Krieger in Computer Operations
  - Sgt. Alan Shaffer in Recruitment
  - Tech Cpl. Mark Thomey in Aviation
  - Al Hafner in the Crime Lab and HCPD historian
- A lateral class of three is planning to start on July 9<sup>th</sup>



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- There are 15 people in the academy and they will be out the end of August in Field Training.
- National Night Out is on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th,</sup> Citizens' Advisory Council possibly staff a table. Opening ceremonies will be at Maple Lawn.
- Ellicott City flood
  - One of our HCPD officers was swept away in the water while evacuating people, but was able to rescue himself at the railroad bridge steps. His vehicle was washed away.
  - HC Fire Dept. made many rescues.
  - Private security was implemented quickly.
  - MD State Police provided 40 troopers a day and worked 12 hour shifts, 7 days a week providing security.
  - Main Street partially opened on June 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - 200 cars were towed from the flooded area.
  - Discussions are ongoing regarding what will happen on Main Street in the future.
  - The HC Police Museum had minimal damage.
  - HC Dispatchers did a terrific job handling the many calls that came in during the time of the flood.

#### **Bylaws Review – Susan Watkins**

- > Bylaws reviewed with the Council and all corrections or suggestions should be sent to Andrew Hall, Lesley Flaim and Susan Watkins for committee review.
- Bylaws to be voted on at July's meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Northern District Community Room at Police Headquarters.